Subject: University of Michigan Hospitals (UMH)  
Patient Room Flooring Replacement

Action Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

Background:

The floors in the patient rooms throughout the adult hospital have reached the projected maximum of their useful life after 13 years of heavy usage. As a result, there are constant challenges to maintain a clean and appealing presentation of the patient room environment. The present floor finish has dulled considerably with many worn and damaged areas.

We propose to replace the flooring in approximately 300 patient rooms in levels 4-8 of the adult hospital. In addition, the patient rooms will be painted and equipped with new bed linens and privacy curtains. Consistent with the objectives of the wall protection replacement project, which was approved by the Regents in 1998, the renovated patient rooms will appear brighter and warmer for patients, families and staff.

The project cost estimate is $1,000,000, and was approved by the Hospital Executive Board in June. Funding will be made available from the Hospitals and Health Centers' building component replacement reserves. Construction would begin immediately and is expected to take approximately 12 to 18 months to complete.

We recommend the Regents approve the project as described.

Respectfully submitted,

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